

THE AUGUSTA COMMISSION

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
2:00 P.M.

COMMISSION CHAMBER
June 15, 2004

INVOCATION:

Bishop Richard Peoples, Sr.
Pastor Faith Outreach Christian Life Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ms. Joyce Downs, Recreation and Parks.

DELEGATIONS:

Five (5) minute time limit per delegation.

A. Medical College of Georgia

Dr. Daniel R. Rahn, President

**RE: Update on MCG's strategic initiatives of education, research,
clinical service and diversity.**

B. Salvation Army of Augusta (Requested by Commissioner Betty Beard)

Major James Hall

RE: Partnership with Augusta, Ga.

C. The Hyde and Aragon Park Improvement Committee

Rev. Charles N. Utley, President

RE: Campbell Recycling Facility, Dan Bowles Road

CONSENT AGENDA **(Items 1-38A)**

PLANNING:

1. **Z-04-33** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve**; with the condition that a 6' fence be added on the rear property line; a petition by John Lewis, Sr. requesting a **Special Exception to establish a Family Day Care Home** per Section 26-1 (f) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at **2042**

Fernwood Circle and containing .22 acres. (Tax Map 110-1 Parcel 131) **DISTRICT 6**

2. **Z-04-41** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Broken Shackle Ranch Inc., on behalf of Harrison, Hearne, Martin & Davis Estate, requesting a **Special Exception, to establish transition housing**, per Section 26-1 (g) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located on the north right-of-way line of Milledgeville Road, 1,045 feet, more or less, west of the northwest corner of the intersection of **North Leg** and contains approximately 4.3 acres. (Part of Tax Map 69 Parcel 16) **DISTRICT 5**
3. **Z-04-42** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Reverend Clyde Hill, Sr., on behalf of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church requesting a **Special Exception**, to establish a **church parking lot**, per Section 26-1 (a) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at **1244 Wrightsboro Road** and contains .14 acres. (Tax Map 59-1 Parcel 328) **DISTRICT 2**
4. **Z-04-43** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Ernestine James requesting a **Special Exception, to establish a family day care home**, per Section 26-1 (f) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at **2862 Conniston Drive** and contains .39 acres. (Tax Map 119 Parcel 463) **DISTRICT 5**
5. **Z-04-45** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Gaynell Sanders requesting a change of zoning from **Zone A (Agriculture) and Zone R-3B (Multiple-family Residential) to R-3B (Multiple-family Residential)** affecting property located at 1027 Mosely Road. (Tax Map 338 Parcel 3.41) **DISTRICT 8**
6. **Z-04-46** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Fritz Paulemon requesting a change of zoning from **Zone B-1**

- (**Neighborhood Business**) to **B-2 (General Business)** affecting property located at 2568 Lumpkin Road and contains .66 acres. (Tax Map 96-4 Parcel 45) **DISTRICT 6**
7. **Z-04-47** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Sherwood Belangia, on behalf of William R. Belangia, requesting a change zoning from **Zone A (Agriculture) to Zone R-3A (Multiple-family Residential)** affecting property located on the southeast right-of-way line of Roy Road (Street), 1,515 feet south of Wheeler Road and containing .43 acres. (Tax Map 30 Parcel 48) **DISTRICT 3**
 8. **Z-04-48** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Charlie B. Davis, Jr. requesting a change of zoning from **Zone R-1 (One-family Residential) to Zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business)** affecting property located at 2436 Windsor Spring Road and containing 1.0 acres. (Tax Map 131 Parcel 26.1) **DISTRICT 6**
 9. **Z-04-50** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** a petition by H. Lawson Graham, on behalf of Earl White et al, requesting a change of zoning from **Zone A (Agriculture) and Zone R-1B (One-family Residential) to Zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property located on the west right-of-way line of Barton Chapel Road, 450 feet, more or less, north of where the centerline of Franke Industrial Drive extended intersects the west right-of-way line of Barton Chapel Road and containing approximately 12 acres. (Tax Map 53 Parcel 84 and Tax Map 54 Parcels 69 & 62.2) **DISTRICT 3**
 10. **FINAL PLAT – THE HAMPTONS – S-664** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to **approve** a petition by Cranston, Robertson, & Whitehurst PC, on behalf of LHP, LLC, requesting final plat approval for The Hamptons Subdivision. This residential subdivision is located on Georgetown Drive, North of U.S. 1 and contains 49 lots.

PUBLIC SERVICES

11. Motion to **approve** bid item 04-080, new lockers and benches at the Augusta Aquatics Center, to Apex Pinnacle in the amount of \$23,845.00. (**Approved by Public Services June 7, 2004**)
12. Motion to **approve** a salary of \$85,000 for the Airport Director. (**Approved Public and Administrative Services Committees June 7, 2004**)
13. Motion to **approve** additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 from HND subject to availability for Star Transportation, a service of Able-disAbled, Inc., (**Approved Public Services and Administrative Services**)
14. Motion to **ratify** Commission's "Letter of Authorization" regarding a moratorium restricting the issuance of Occupation Tax Certificates for the purpose of establishing an automobile junk yards/salvage yard, or recycling facility, until such time that regulations are adopted governing such uses. (**Approved by Public Services June 7, 2004**)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

15. Motion to **approve** 2004 Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) for part-time employees of the Augusta Consolidated Government and the employees in the Extension Services Department. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee June 7, 2004**)

PUBLIC SAFETY

16. Motion to **approve** a request from Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) to submit an application for Richmond County Juvenile Court and The Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC). (**Approved by the Public Safety Committee June 7, 2004**)
17. Motion to **approve** purchase of one new thermal imaging camera for Battalion Chief Command Car #904. (**Approved by the Public Safety Committee June 7, 2004**)
18. Motion to **approve** the purchase of two sets of Hurst "Jaws of Life" extrication systems. (**Approved by the Public Safety Committee June 7, 2004**)

FINANCE:

19. Motion to **approve** refunds on 15 accounts in accordance with recommendations of Tax Assessor's Board. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
20. Motion to **approve** the acquisition of One (1) Thermoplastic Premelter Trailer for the Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division from Transafe, Inc. of Lawrenceville, Georgia for \$36,696.00 (lowest bid offer on Bid 03-137A). **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
21. Motion to **approve** Georgia Administrative Services as the third party administrator for Augusta, GA's Workers' Compensation claims. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
22. Motion to **approve** for Administration to implement in the General Fund Budget options for FY 2004 to avoid the projected shortfall of \$4,016,000 excluding the EEO and DBE positions. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
23. Motion to **approve** a request for disability exemption for Mr. Iain T. Crawford of 1835 ½ Starnes Street. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
24. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Commissioner Don Grantham as a liaison to the Board of Tax Assessors. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**
25. Motion to **approve** Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the Commission's appointment of a Study Subcommittee to review the City's budget structure. **(Approved by the Finance Committee June 7, 2004)**

ENGINEERING SERVICES

26. Motion to **approve** funding in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the upgrade of the construction of the Belair Road – Raes Creek Sewer line extension from an 8 inch sewer line to a 12 inch line in conjunction with the Cameron Subdivision development project. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**

27. Motion to **approve** funding in the amount of \$130,000 for the sanitary sewer extension in conjunction with the Warren Road Sewer Project. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
28. Motion to **approve** Change Order #1 to Tesco, Inc. of South Carolina in the amount of \$27,471 to demolish the existing dry lime system at Groundwater Treatment Plant #2. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
29. Motion to **authorize** award and execution of an engineering contract with Cranston, Robertson and Whitehurst, P.C. in the amount of \$82,250 for professional services in association with investigation of the Augusta Canal. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
30. Motion to **approve** modification of the existing contract with ARCADIS G & M, Inc. in the amount of \$153,080 for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) design for the Regional Transportation Control Center of the proposed new facilities for the Public Works and Engineering Department. These services are to be initially funded from Augusta Utilities Renewal and Extension Account #507043490-5212115/80400038-5212115, which is to be reimbursed by Public Works & Engineering. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
31. Motion to **approve** new Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance as required by the Official Code of Georgia, Chapter Seven and waive second reading. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
32. Motion to **approve** budget resolution in the amount of \$47,890 to be funded from United States Environmental Protection Agency Grant. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**
33. Motion to **authorize** execution of state and county contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Neely Road Improvement Project subject to receipt of said documents and approval by the City Attorney. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**

34.Motion to **authorize** Public Works and Engineering to award a contract to the low bidder to perform emergency repairs by installing a lining in the failed corrugated metal pipe per Phase IA of the Pointe West Subdivision Drainage Improvement Projects (CPB # 323-04-203823372) concept report in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**

35.Motion to **approve** award of Bid #04-069 to Gannett Fleming, Inc. in the amount of \$116,000 for professional services in conjunction with the Augusta Brownfield Program. Funding for this bid award comes from the second Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant. (Account #101-04-1112/52.13118) **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**

36.Motion to **abandon** alleys located on Tax Map 47-1 between Telfair St. W. Ford St. and Walker Street and contain approximately 0.07 acres. **(Approved by the Engineering Services Committee June 7, 2004)**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

37.Motion to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held June 1, 2004

ATTORNEY:

38.Motion to **adopt** a “Contractor and Private Building Inspector Registration Ordinance” with an effective date of January 1, 2005. **(Approved by Commission June 1, 2004 – second reading)**

APPOINTMENT:

38A. Motion to **approve** the reappointment of Hugh Connolly to the Canal Authority representing District 10.

*******END CONSENT AGENDA*******
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PLANNING:

39.**Z-04-44** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County planning Commission to **approve** with the following conditions:

- (1) Exterior lighting shall be designed so that the light is reflected away from adjacent properties;
- (2) All outdoor activities shall cease at 10:00 P.M.;
- (3) Only one sign per street front shall be permitted. Such sign may identify the business only, not to exceed 24 square feet in area, and extend not higher than six feet above the ground. No such sign may be internally lighted;
- (4) Alcoholic beverages may not be sold on the premises. An open bar where guests are not charged for drinks may be provided;
- (5) The volume of amplified sound shall be kept at such a level that it is not audible from any single-family residence;
- (6) Parking facilities shall be provided as the staff deems necessary;
- (7) The design and scale of any improvements shall be consistent with the surrounding area;
- (8) Improvements shall conform to all appropriate provisions of the Tree Ordinance; and
- (9) Additional conditions may be imposed if deemed appropriate to the proposed use and location;

a petition by Tim Squarcette and Ted Weathered, on behalf of the Simone S. Kortick Estate, requesting a **Special Exception**, to establish a private club, per Section 26-1 (i) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at **3518 Milledgeville Road** and contains .85 acres. (Tax Map 68 Parcel 65) **DISTRICT 5**

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 40.Motion to **approve** a contract with GA Food Service, Inc. for food services at four senior nutrition sites operated by Augusta, Ga. (**No recommendation from Public Services Committee June 7, 2004**)
- 41.Motion to **approve** Augusta, Ga. being named a subgrantee to receive funding through the CSRA Regional Development Center for the operation of Senior Nutrition Program. (**No recommendation from Public Services Committee June 7, 2004**)
- 42.Discuss Wood Park. (**Requested by Commissioner Marion Williams**)

FINANCE

- 43.Receive report from Actuary on requested benefit increase for 1945 Pension Plan. (**No recommendation from Finance Committee June 7, 2004**)
- 44.Authorize Fleet Services to sell Asset #980679 as surplus equipment and authorize the Public Works and Engineering Department to purchase/lease a replacement Grinder with a value not to exceed \$600,000 by discontinuing the revenue deductions, funding litter patrol and funding the scrap tire inspector as of January 1, 2005. (**Requested by the Administrator**)

ATTORNEY:

45. Authorize condemnation of properties in accordance with agenda item dated June 7, 2004 within the Augusta Canal Third Level Improvement Project.

46. Motion to **approve** the following in connection with the proposed construction of the Federal Annex to house the Bankruptcy Court, to-wit:

(1) Conveyance of properties bounded by Ninth Street, Walker Street, West Ford Street, and Telfair Street to Richmond County Public Facilities, Inc.

(2) Authorization of the closure to public traffic traffic of Walker Street between Eighth and Ninth Street the Mayor and Clerk to execute such temporary construction easements, licenses, or other documents to provide any needed access by the developer, Keenan Development Associates Of Augusta, LLC, for access to the Project site.

(3) Receiving as information and approving the proposed ground lease between Richmond County Public Facilities, Inc. and Keenan Development Associates Of Augusta, LLC for the Federal Annex Project.

47. Motion to **approve** an Ordinance to amend the code of Augusta-Richmond County Section 1-10-52, "Rejecting Bids, Re-Advertising and/or Negotiating." To provide for a re-stated §1-10-52 captioned "Rejecting Bids and/or Negotiating." And to repeal any conflicting Ordinances.

48. Motion to **approve** an Ordinance to amend §7-4-32 to provide a process for appeals to the Augusta Commission from the Historic Preservation Commission: to require mediation prior to submission of the appeal to the Augusta Commission; and to repeal any conflicting Ordinances.

49. Motion to **approve** Mutual Aid Agreement between Augusta, Ga. (**Augusta Fire Department**) and Department of the Army.

50. Motion to **approve** Solid Waste Collection Contract Extension Agreement regarding Sections 11, 11A, 11B and 12 with Georgia Waste System.

51. Motion to **approve** supplemental Bond Resolution to modify and supplement the Bond Resolution adopted June 1, 2004.

52. Ratify “**Authorization Letter**” regarding Quit Claim Deed at a façade Easement relative to property known as 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

53. Consider **approval** of Richmond County Board of Health – Fee Schedule for Environmental Health Services.

ENGINEERING SERVICES:

54. Receive evaluation of performance report of Operation Management International, Inc. (OMI) from Quest Engineering.

55. OTHER BUSINESS.

Consider renaming Hunter Street- Mal Cook Street. (**Requested by Mayor Young**)

56. LEGAL MEETING.

- Pending and potential litigation.
- Real Estate.
- Personnel.
- Discuss claim of Don D’Antignac.

57. Motion to **approve** authorization for the Mayor to execute affidavit of compliance with Georgia’s Open Meeting Act.

58. Consider acceptance of resignation of Administrator.

59. Consider approve release from contract.

60. Consider appointment of Interim Administrator.

61. Consider authorization for Mayor to begin administrator recruiting process.

<i>COMMISSION'S UPCOMING MEETINGS</i>
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EEO/MBE Subcommittee Mtg., Wednesday, June 16, 2004, 3:00 P.M.

Regular Committee Meetings ,Monday, June 21, 2004, 12:30 P.M. –3:00 P.M.

Regular Commission meeting, Thursday, July 1, 2004, 2:00 P.M.